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THAT MINISTERIALS REPORT.

The Ministerial Association of this city, composed of preachers of the different religious sects, has once more placed itself on record in bitter hostility to the Latter-day Saints. A dobument prepared for circulation in the East, entitled, "Report on Mormon Teachings and Practices," has already been published in the Deseret News. People residing in this State who are negusinted with existing conditions here, will recognize the numerous mis representations which it contains,

It has been in preparation for some time. Spying and spotting has been going on in various parts of the State, people supposed to be Christians and to be engaged in educational and religious occupations. Their ears have been wide open to salacious scandals, and their nozes have been poked into people's private affairs, for the purpose of gathering up "spicy" morsels for the pious preachers of the association to gloat over

But they were walting for some excuse as a peg on which to hang their hag of gathered rumors. They found it in a reported interview by a newspaper man in the East, with Hon. Perry S. Heath, a well known politician and the present publisher of the Salt Lake Tribune. The probability that the exact language of the gentleman was not given in the papers that printed his alleged remarks, does not seem to be taken into account by the ministers who quote them. However, taking the words attributed to him, they simply convey his own impressions concerning affairs here, from that there were eighty-nine in the city what he has actually seen and heard | in the month of January. Towards the ss intercourse

transit would be only five hours at the polygamy is not taught or encouraged by the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and But an important feature of this project is this, that the company interthat plural marriages are no longer ested in it does not ask Congress for solemnized. But that men who conany money. It is proposed to build tracted such marriages in the past are expected to care for, love and support this canal without financial assistance their families, and would be regarded of the government, excepting a guaras recreant to their faith and violators anty of its bonds as the work proof their sacred covenants if they represses, and in return for this guaranty, the United States is offered free fused or neglected to do so. That their transport for its warships for one hunnumbers are very small compared to dred years. This may, or may not, be the bulk of the population. That the enemies of the "Mormon" people are a point in its favor. To some it may appear that the isthmian canal should endeavoring to make a mountain out be owned and controlled by the counof a molehill. That while some of them try rather than by a private company. may believe there is a little foundation

for their foolish fears of "Mormon" in-THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS. tent, most of them know better, and are wilfully attempting to bear false

The Pan-American Congress has adwitness against their neighbors and to deceive the American public. journed, and although its deliberations The purpose of their misrepresentahave been followed with little attention tions is well understood and so is the in this country, it is believed that the animus which impels them. They will work done will be of great importance not accomplish their object, for the to all the countries of this hemisphere. Gospel commonly called "Mormonism" The principal issue was that of arbiwill be preached in all the world in tration. On that question the congress spite of sectarian endeavors to hedge was threatened with disruption, owing up the way, and, as opportunities offer, to the pending disputes between Chili the Latter-day Saints will spread out Peru, and Argentina over certain into surrounding States and Territories. boundaries, but finally the represenwhere they are cordially welcomed as tatives agreed that the South Amerivaluable colonizers. And if the last can republics should sign The Hague polygamist had ceased to breathe the convention. This will enable them to breath of life, this work both of proseinvoke the aid of The Hague tribunal lyting and colonizing would go on, and in any dispute that may arise with no earthly power can stop it, for it is one of the European powers, and afthe Lord's work, and it will most asford an opportunity of calm discussion suredly prevail. before the outbreak of a war. Besides this, it was agreed to re-

MONSTROUS EXAGGERATIONS.

rightly pass by without correction.

are Sunday school teachers."

tion.

public to prepare a system of arbitra-The paper read before the Ministerial tion which may meet the approval of Association on Monday by Secretary all the South American countries, and to lay it before a future Pan-Ameri-John T. Axton, of the Y. M. C. A., on Social Forces in Society," and puban congress,

lished in the Deseret News, was aimed This is an advance of the cause of no doubt at evils existing in this city peace. It proves that the labors of which ought to be suppressed as far as lel sates at The Hague are not lost, possible. But it contained a number of although the progress may as yet be gross exaggerations which we cannot slow and hampered by many obstacies. Milltarism may in later years The number of legalized saloons givhave gained some victories, but the en by him is greater than the actual peace sentiments has had as important figures show. It fluctuates somewhat triumphs, and there can be no doubt from time to time. According to police

as to the final outcome. statistics it has never exceeded eighty. We believe the congress just closed That is many more than there ought to has done much toward consolidating be in such a community as ours, but it the interests of the nationa to the south does no good to magnify an evil beof us, and it has certainly been a factor yond its true proportions. However, in fermulating a policy, which, if adthat is but a small matter compared hered to, will assure peace on this side with his statement that: "There are of the globe. more prostitutes and common street

walkers in Salt Lake City than there DANGER OF INDUSTRIAL WAR.

That is a most extraordinary asser-Stuart Uttley, an English working-There are about one hundred nan who has studied the industrial Sunday school teachers among the varonditions in this country, thinks that ious denominational churches. There the most momentous danger to the are at least six hundred in the cirv Republic is an industrial war that surewards of the Church of Jeaus Christ of ly will come, unless some remedy is Latter-day Saints. This aggregates found to prevent it.

about seven hundred Sunday school Writing in the Iron Age, he says teachers in the city. The police authorthat the stronger the trusts grow, the ities, when ouestloned as to the nummore powerless labor becomes. It can ber of the class which Mr. Axton asveceive no redress from Congress in sumes to know so much about, reported the same mannner as the Britlsh workingman can from parliament, and it is not impossible that the time will come, close of last year the number was herefore, when it will strike flercely wantonly and blindly. Nothing impressed him, he says, so strongly, as the collective impotence of labor and the growing strength of the trusts. Sooner or later, he says, those well organized bodies will stand face to face with the horny-handed, undisciplined and uncontrolled multitude of workers, and then the real trial of strength will hegin. It is well to be reminded of the ctual situation once in a while, Probably the deluge is yet far off, for the

scarcely more than in the embryonic tage. A Rockford, Ill., woman claims to

have been klased by Lafayette. The statement smacks of the romantic, to say the least. Governor Taft says that living in the

Philippines is very expensive. There is no doubt that the whole Philippine business is very expensive. A new geyser has sprung up in Yel-

lowstone park, and has been named the Twentieth Century. May it continue to gush a hundred years.

Washington society carps at Mrs. Shaw's honest handshake. But Washington political society will wisely avoid giving Iowa the shake.

"Knock, and it shall be opened unto you" is the motto of the "knocker" for he expects by his methods to get into good things for nothing.

Secretary Axton's statements as to the vast amount of social vice in this city must be accepted as hyperbole if not as gross exaggeration.

> A New York physician offers his body for vivisection. Just let him become a candidate for office and he will get all the vivisection he wants.

The commission of Ben Daniels as United States marshal for Arizona has been recalled. It was a Roosevelt and not a Daniels come to judgment.

It is announced from St. Paul that Cole Younger expects to go into business March 1. Will it be something new quest the president of the Mexican reor merely a resumption along old lines?

If Tillman and Turner continue their flerce tirades against the Philippines administration, the old saying, "As like as two peas," will become, "As like as two T's.'

Adam Worth, who was known as the 'Napoleon of Crime," died a few days since in London, but a great many of Napoleon's marshals still live to prey upon mankind.

Who was in command at the battle off Santiago? bids fair to become quite as famous and tiresome a controversy as that over the question, Did Bacon write Shakespeare's plays?

When will our ministerial friends learn, and abide by the knowledge, that the law only takes notice of men's actions and not of their beliefs? When they do learn this they will begin to get understanding.

When Prince Henry comes to the United States, President Roosevelt wants to give him a private dinner at the White House, and moreover has announced his intention of so doing. The diplomats say the President cannot entertain unofficially. The President says he can. The case recalls that of Dean Swift who, when he went up to Trinity college, was asked by the learned professor of logic and metaphysics how he could argue without knowing the laws of logic, replied that he did not know but that somehow or other he managed to argue pretty well.

our Ogden friends in their apparent

victory, feeling assured that Salt Lake

will share in the benefits of the im-

provements to take place in the build-

ing of the lake cut-off. The repre-

sentatives of the Commercial Club are

to be commended for their praiseworthy

expected of them. The disposition of

the railroad men was evidently against

their view of the case, and we will all

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

San Francisco Call.

At present the negotiation shows a

very pretty game in diplomacy. The Dutch government officially and for-

mally declares it has no intention of in-tervening, and will not consent to me-

diate. It announces it has no intention to even suggest anything. The British

declare they have no terms to offer to any except the Boers in the field, and

the terms to them are unconditional surrender. The Boers in their turn as-sert a determination not to negotiate for anything except independence. Still

the talk of peace goes on, and it seems evident that each of the three parties to the game has much better cards in

his sleeve than he shows in his hand.

Milwaukee Wisconsin

unwise and flippant speech at the inau-

guration of the junior constitutional club in London when a statue of Queen

Victoria was unveiled. The speech was principally about Holland and the Boers; and the intimation was thrown

out that the Dutch government had

Premier Salisbury made, we think, an

cheerfully accept the result.

They did all that could be

efforts.

British speakers and writers, Salisbury and his colleagues would doubtless be more than glad to end up a war that is now well on in its third year and which, as Mr. Brodrick said a few days ago, is still costing \$22,500,000 a month.

San Francisco Chronicle. The war is costing the British now about \$22,500,000 per month. During a part of the time the cost amounted to \$1,000,000 per day. The total cost up to the present time aggregates about \$1,-000,000,000. The expenditures last year reached the sum of \$464,500,000, and the

estimated cost this year is placed by the war secretary at \$305,350,099. SALT LAKE THEATRE, JA GRORGE D. PYPER, Manager, TONIGHT AND ALL THE WEEK. Matinees Wedneeday and Saturday. NOTE-Wedneeday Matines will not begin until

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and with a number of "Mormons." His example might have been well

followed by the ministerial traducers, who call his statements "grotesquely and absurdly untrue." They have built their report on a number of stories, many of them grossly false, most of them purposely exaggerated, and the whole relating to a very small portion of the population of this State and of the "Mormon" part of It. They have heard this; they have been told that: it has come to them from reliable parties, and so on. Their assertion that because of Mr. Heath's testimony they have "therefore instituted inquiries." Is manifestly untrue. By their own showing these inquiries have been going on for some time past, and they have been engaged in the very pleasant occupation of hunting for motes in the eyes of Mormondom, so that by the magnifying powers of pulpit training, they might be exhibited as monstrous beams before the American public.

The position they take on the polygamy question, which seems to interest them more than anything else under the sun, is founded on rumors unsupported by proof, alleged remarks by preachers and teachers "Mormon" which have not appeared in authentic accounts of the meetings at which they were said to have been uttered, and their own conjectures of what the "Mormons" intend and have in view. President Joseph F. Smith personally denies, most emphatically, having uttered the words attributed to him in Fayson in 1896. He never made them There or elsewhere. The gross perversion of his language is similar to that in the other cases mentioned by the ministers, and if they had any sense of shame they should hang their heads and repent of their readiness to adopt hearsay statements of men's enemies for established truth.

Analyze the document carefully, and it will be seen in all its weakness as to pretended evidence, and lack of logic in its far-fetched reasonings and jumpedat conclusions. In one part of it they affect fear at the growth of polygamy in Utah; in another part they complain of the exodus of polygamists into Mexico on the south and Canada in the north

They entirely ignore the facts that the great body of the "Mormon" people are not and never were practical polyg amists. That only a comparatively few entered into the family associations which trouble their pious souls, and that this number is rapidly diminishing by death, and, if the statements of these ministers are true, by wholesale departures from the domain of the United States, leaving but a few such specks on the face of the country.

In their attack on Mr. Heath, they seem to assume that the "Mormons' whom he has met, and for whom he has nothing but words of praise, must have been polygamists; whereas the probability is that most of them wer not of that class, and what he stated was doubtless entirely correct. The unrellability of the tales told by people on whom these ministers depend for the scandals in which they delight, and the reports made by anti-"Mormons' of speeches delivered by "Mormon" Elders and others, has been demonstrated time and time again.

The plain and simple truth is that

fifty-four. The average is placed at

seventy Perahps Mr. Axton is more familiar with that class of persons than are the police. Be that as it may, we do not believe his assertion, and we see no sense in blackening the moral character of this city by any such wild and sensational remarks. There may be many more immoral persons than are included in the number named by the police. But the Y. M. C. A. secretary spoke of that class alone, and therefore he has multiplied the actual number a great many times. Such statements are used abroad, and they are as unreliable as the anti-polygamy effusions of the preachers who listened to his ti-Inde,

We believe that a far greater evil than the notorious places and people already mentioned, is to be found in the 'rooming houses" which are resorted to as we are informed, by a great numher of men and women, some quite young and probably for immoral purposes. We consider the executive deof preventing the danger that is believed to threaten the country in this partment of this city responsible to a

'arge extent for the continuation of this great evil. We do not believe that under existing circumstances, with the mixed population residing here, it can be extirpated. But that it could be kept down to a great extent as well as gambling and other unlawful vices, is evident to every thinking inhabitant.

We are with every person and so ciety that sincerely endeavors to promote morality and uplift the masses but we deprecate those wild and monzirous stories that originate with excited people, because they accomplish no good and may do a great deal of harm. Respectable people would not desire to dwell in a place so corrupt, intemperate and immoral, as this city was represented to be at the meeting of the Ministerial Association on Monday.

THE LATEST CANAL ROUTE.

If all that is claimed for the Mandin go route-the latest suggestion for a cut through the Panama isthmus-ls true, that should be the greatest rival of the Panama canal company.

The Mandingo route is only forty miles south of the Panama ditch. It starts from the Mandingo bay, in the gulf of San Blas, cuts through the Cordillera mountains, and then goes straight to the Bay of Panama. differs from other Darlen routes, in this respect, that it does not propose to utilize any streams or lakes, but cut directly through solid rock, making a canal bed which will need no repairs. No locks or dams would be required.

The great engineering feature of this canal would be a tunnel, five miles long, 200 feet wide and about 200 feet high. It is claimed that this can be done at a cost much less than that which is required to overcome the difficulties of either the Nicaragua or the Panama route. The distance from coast to coast at that place is only 29 miles, and the work, it is estimated. could be done in three years.

The objections to navigation through a tunnel would be removed by ventilating shafts, and by electric lights. Ships not using their own power for propultion, would be towed through by electric motors, and the entire time of

country has as yet enormous resources. by the utilization of which the enterprising workingman may obtain a measure of economic independence. But the possibilities of a disastrous indus-

trial war should be considered while It is time to do so with safety. The danger should be averted before it is actually present. Friends of compulsory arbitration do well in asserting themselves to the utmost. Arbitration of difficulties that arise on account of diversified interests is the best way

direction. THE ARID REGIONS. Hon. Chas. D. Walcott, director of the United States Geological survey, makes the statement in the National

magazine that the so-called arid regions of the country are so vast that no conception can be formed of their magnitude, except by comparison. The State of California, he says, if cut off the lands lying on the Atlantic, would cover New Jersey and the greater portions of eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. But nearly one-half of California, he continues, consists of vacant public land, and yet this is the most highly developed state in the arid region. The country to be covered, he adds, may be compared in areal extent

to Europe, and much of it is as yet al; nost unknown.

tinent that sustains a number of em pires, kingdoms and principalities What a magnificent future for this -1t country, if its own resources are developed as they should be! gets the go-by.

opportunities.

dred million dollars, and as yet it is culent jingo utterances by irresponsible

Ogden city is no doubt jubilant over + appreciate it more than they ever the result, or apparent result, of the + did. interview between representatives of 21 East First South Street. the Commercial Club of this city with

prominent railroad men on Monday. Prospects are good for the building of the cut-off across the lake from Og-******************* den to Lucin. The matter is not finally settled, but in all probability the Southern Pacific will not at present take a detour by the south end of the GET THE BEST YOU great Salt Lake. We congratulate

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acted unwisely in presenting the Boer case to the ministry of England. The whole tone of his speech was that the Boers must submit unconditionally be It has been pointed out repeatedly fore peace was possible. Salisbury has that by a rational water storage sysbeen engaged in suppressing a nation, and it has cost England in money as large a sum as she expended in putting tem, this vast expanse would furnish homes for millions of inhabitants, but down Napoleon. to what extent this is true can be ap-New York Mail and Express. preciated only, if it is considered that Boers and British, too, therefore the areal extent is comparable to a conconsidering the future as well as the cost, the blood and all the horrors of the present, must be earnestly anxious to end the thing. The failure of the present attempt at negotiation cannot be regarded as by any means an indefinite postponement of the war. It is rather an indication that peace proposals may be expected to come soon, in a more practicable form. Ogden gets the cutoff and Sait Lake

Baltimore Sun.

Topeka is said now to be an "oper Under Lord Kitchener's proclamation ssued in September last, the Boer lead-rs, like Steyn and Schalkburger, Botha town." Mrs. Nation is neglecting her DeWet and Delarey, will be exiled from South Africa as soon as they fall into the hands of their enemies. These There are 3,546 millionaires in the Unlied States. There are no statistics men have nothing to lose by continuing the war, while it is possible that the as To the number of billionaires,

nedefinite prolongation of the conflic may secure them better terms than the It begins to look as though Miss Ston British are now willing to offer. Mer of this type, who have fought with unwill not be ransomed or rescued until a surpassed bravery against overwhelm ing odds, cannot be expected to considsecond Peter the Hermit shall arise. favorably a demand for uncondition Honore Palmer will manage the bal

al surrender be given in honor of Prince Henry Chicago, Honor to whom Honore i New York World. Lansdowne's reply to the government f Holland is very amiable in its tone t practically invites the Boers to make lirect peace proposals. In spite of tru-The new navy has cost over a hun-